

Fishing Reports/Photos

Thursday, October 30, 2008
epic drum fishing and more politics

Capt. Brian has been making some trips over to the Neuse the last few days for some epic puppy drum fishing, landing over 50 pups and yearlings/day plus a bunch of trout. Capt. Ray had some of the same kind of great fishing a couple of weeks ago. Even though the wind is blustery out of the north, that just makes the drummies bite.

On the political front, this is a reminder that your comments opposing the proposed expanded bombing range is tomorrow! You can find the details on this issue by clicking on the fishing report archives for October.

On the fisheries front, the Marine Fisheries Commission is meeting next week to adopt the final red drum recommendations into rule. The most important regulation for the continued recovery of red drum stocks is to require the year round mandatory attendance of small mesh nets in the Neuse, Pamlico and Pungo Rivers within 200 yards of shore.

I strongly encourage you to contact the Marine Fisheries Commissioners and ask them to adopt this rule and encourage the Director to immediately implement this rule via his Proclamation Authority. Below is their contact info:

I'm off to the mountains for a few days but will be around the phone and computer:

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posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 11:29 AM

Wednesday, October 29, 2008
Monday/Tuesday report

We found a few albies after the weekend blow on the "east" side of the shoals, including this one, Henry's first on the fly.



Yesterday we were experiencing another "blow", so Capt. Brian headed up the ditch to the Neuse and ended up with 30 keeper trout and just as many pups. Good fall fishing is holding up.

I hear that they're starting to catch the gators at the jetty.
posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 8:59 AM

Friday, October 24, 2008
Giant albies and good trout

The albie fishing has been good over the last couple of days and they've been studs. Bring your 10/12 wts, the average fish has been over 15 pounds. The albie fleet was busting them today, while I was back in the marshes with a pretty decent trout bite.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 4:55 PM

Thursday, October 23, 2008
Comment Deadline Reminder



For those who would like to comment on the proposed bombing range expansion on the Neuse River/Rattan Bay, the deadline is next Friday October 31, 2008. The reason for the expansion according to the Marine Corps is for more operational flexibility in the use of 50 cal. machine guns mounted on patrol boats and helicopters.

At this time the Marine Corps would like to pass this through on a EA (Environmental Assessment) with a FONSI (Finding of No Significant Impact).

Before any expansion should be allowed to occur, a thorough examination of existing lead and ordinance contamination should be conducted. The impacts of spreading the area of contamination should be addressed, the impacts on adjacent bird nesting colonies on Raccoon Island and Swan Island should be addressed, including measures to prevent the wildfires caused by range use from occurring on Raccoon or Swan Is.

In addition to these and other environmental concerns, any expansion in use would severely limit commercial and recreational fishing, duck hunting and boating in the area. Access to the states best red drum fishing would be restricted.

Mail Written Comments To:
Environmental Affairs Department (Range EA)
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OR

Fax Your Comments To:
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posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 5:55 PM

Wednesday, October 22, 2008
recovering....

I may have been a little too eager to get out there on the water. After fishing all day in the wind/rain on Saturday, a case of the sniffles turned into a full blown flu-bug. The fishing was great, 30+ small pups and flounder along with a half dozen nice keeper trout, but it's taken me a couple of days to recover. Meanwhile, Capt. Ray had a couple of fantastic days with the slot and over-slot sized pups and some nice flounder. I'll be chasing albies and beating around the marshes in Morehead for the next few days.

We have a few openings next week for fishing out of MHC or on the Neuse. We should be wired into what is going on in both locations.
posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 12:03 PM

Friday, October 17, 2008
back in town, great river fishing



It's good to be back and I'm ready to get out on the water, sounds like things have been good. I spoke with Ray today and he was getting some REALLY nice trout and plenty of pups.

This is from Capt. Gary:

"River fishing has been good. Could see the trout at Turnagain yesterday...water was crystal. Saw old drum busting, couldn't get on them. Nice pups scattered on the shorelines. Plenty of trout close to home in the river, pups and flounder. Grays at the reef. Rock and pups near New Bern"

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 2:11 PM

Friday, October 10, 2008
and today



The sailfish bite slowed a bit, but Ben finally got his marlin.....we raised another but didn't get her to bite, that would have been mine.....sooner or later....

Also some nice dolphin and 6 tuna, two of them Dragin Fly style, but still on the fly. Sushi again tonight.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 8:24 PM

yesterday

The weather has been great the past three days and the fishing good on the Dragin Fly. The three day total was 22 sails, 12 dolphin and almost as many tuna. A little slower today with just a couple of sails and three dolphin for dinner, including this 50+ pounder. The crew blames the slow bite on me.....no I don't get to fish every day that I'm down here.



From NC, this is what some of the Down East Guides have to report:

Capt. Mark Hoff: "The speck bite is on and we have been smacking the greys in the deep water too. Looks like we are in for a great fall. I Fished off the beach on Sunday and caught a limit of kings and more Reef donkeys(amberjacks) then I wanted to reel in. We were fishing live 5 to 6 inch pinfish with the spines cut off deadly!"

Capt. Brian Harrington: "The offshore wahoo and sailfishing is off the hook. Big wahoo and lots of sail shots. Good sign of 12-20lb. kings on the live bait on and around the reefs.

Plenty of spanish and blues on the shoals. The albacore have been hanging out just west of the "slot" in about 55 ft. of water. Inside the sound, big trout. (two ft. trout) on the live shrimp. Plenty of puppies everywhere."

I'll be back from this "business" trip next week and am looking forward to the variety of fall fishing. The Down East guides, including myself, have scattered openings through November. Fishing should be great in the creeks around Oriental for trout and down the river for some fantastic puppy drum fishing. Up the river the stripers are schooling and the "keeper" season is now open. Inshore and nearshore fishing out of Morehead City will be red hot for everything from trout to light tackle albacore and king mackerel.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 8:06 PM

Monday, October 06, 2008

.....and on the other side.....

.....the sailfish bite ain't that bad. A couple of the guys who joined us for tarpon fishing at Silver King extended their stay to fish on the Dragin Fly. After catching 10 tarpon at Silver King, they caught 10 sailfish TODAY....also a tuna which I am about to enjoy for dinner.

For more pictures from this week, click on the history at the bottom of the page, October 2008.

posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 9:43 PM

nice way to end the trip....

....with a triple header tarpon, one of them on the fly. Yes, the rod in the rod holder has one waiting.....





Today on the Pacific Coast, 5 tuna up to 80 pounds, 5 dolphin and a dorado.
posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 1:06 AM

Saturday, October 04, 2008
SKL report

Some more pics on the way. Finishing up the trip and all went well, everyone caught several fish. The tarpon were spread out and the fishing was sometimes tough, but when you were "in the bite", it was pretty good.

Congratulations to Pete Hansen and Henry Frazier who caught 12 for 21 today, including several on the fly. They ended the day with a triple header, landing all three. We didn't do bad on our boat, catching 7 for 8.
posted by Capt. George Beckwith at 8:04 PM

Friday, October 03, 2008
Tarpon pay back

All is well here in the tropics, the weather is great and the fishing is good. We got off to a slow start yesterday morning. I caught one on the fly and 3 more on bait/lures. Today our boat caught 6 for 7. Halfway into the trip, everybody with the group has caught at least one tarpon, including our five fly anglers, who all landed tarpon on the fly today.

